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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CHENNAI-600 106.

[ELECTIONS—ORDINARY ELECTIONS—RURAL LOCAL BODIES—APPOINTMENT OF POLLING AGENTS—ORDERS—ISSUED.]

(S.O. No. 54/2021/TNSEC/ME1, dated the 16th September 2021)

READ:

(S.O.No. 15-53/2021/TNSEC/PE-1, dated 13th September 2021)

No.VI(2)/83(f)/2021.

WHEREAS, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has notified for the conduct of rural local body elections as per Statutory Order read above;

WHEREAS, there is no provision in Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995 for affixing the photo of the Polling Agents in their appointment letter in Form 11; and

WHEREAS, it is felt expedient to emphasise on the production of photo identity proof as evidence by the Polling Agent at the time of entry into the polling station for the ensuing Ordinary Elections to Rural Local Bodies as a measure to curtail impersonation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 239 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 and rule 40 and 143 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995, the Tamil Nadu State Election commission specifies that the Polling Agents (including the relief agents) shall show any one of the twelve documentary evidences in original as prescribed for the electors in S.O.No.100/2019/TNSEC/EG2, dated 11.12.2019 and Circular No. C-21/2021 dated 05.08.2021 as proof of his/her identity to the Presiding Officer and Police Personnel at the time of entry into the Polling Station. The documentary evidence shown by him must have his/her photo identity proof of it. Further, the Commission specifies that every Contesting Candidate or his/her Election Agent shall appoint one Polling Agent for each Polling Station

and only one Relief Agent to act as the Polling Agent of such candidate in the absence of such Polling Agents at each Polling Station in the ensuing Ordinary Elections to Rural Local Bodies and any one of them shall be present in the Polling Station at a time.

The above identity proof has been prescribed only for the purpose of verifying the identity of the person appointed as Polling Agent and not for any other purpose of scrutinizing other things.

(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai - 600 106,  
17th September 2021.

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*Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.*